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**AMENDMENT**

In response to the Office Action mailed June 21, 2001, please amend the application as follows. This amendment is accompanied by a petition in which Applicants request a two month extension of time, to and including November 21, 2001.

In the Specification

Please amend the abstract of the disclosure as follows:

**ABSTRACT**

**CHARACTERISATION OF GENE FUNCTION  
USING DOUBLE STRANDED RNA INHIBITION**

There is provided a method of identifying DNA responsible for conferring a particular phenotype in a cell which method comprises a) constructing a cDNA or genomic library of the DNA of the cell in a suitable vector in an orientation relative to a promoter(s) capable of